

## THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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### WHOM WE CALL MERE MAN.

An average man of 150 pounds contains the constituents found in 1,200 eggs. There is enough gas in him to fill a gasometer of 3,649 cubic feet. He contains enough iron to make four tenpenny nails. His fat would make seventy-five candles and a good sized cake of soap. His phosphate content would make 8,064 boxes of matches. There is enough hydrogen in him in combination to fill a ballroom and carry him above the clouds. The remaining constituents of a man would yield, if utilized, six teaspoonfuls of salt, a bowl of sugar and ten gallons of water. A man has 500 muscles, 1,000,000,000 cells, 200 different bones, four gallons of blood, several hundred feet of arteries and veins, more than twenty-five feet of intestines, and millions of pores. His heart weighs from eight to twelve ounces, its capacity from four to six ounces in each ventricle, and its size is 5 by 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches. It is a hollow, muscular organ, and pumps twenty-two and one-half pounds of blood every minute. In twenty-four hours the heart pumps sixteen tons. It beats about seventy-two times a minute. In one year an average man's heart pumps 41,680,000 pounds of blood. The heart is a willing slave, but it sometimes strikes—and it always wins.

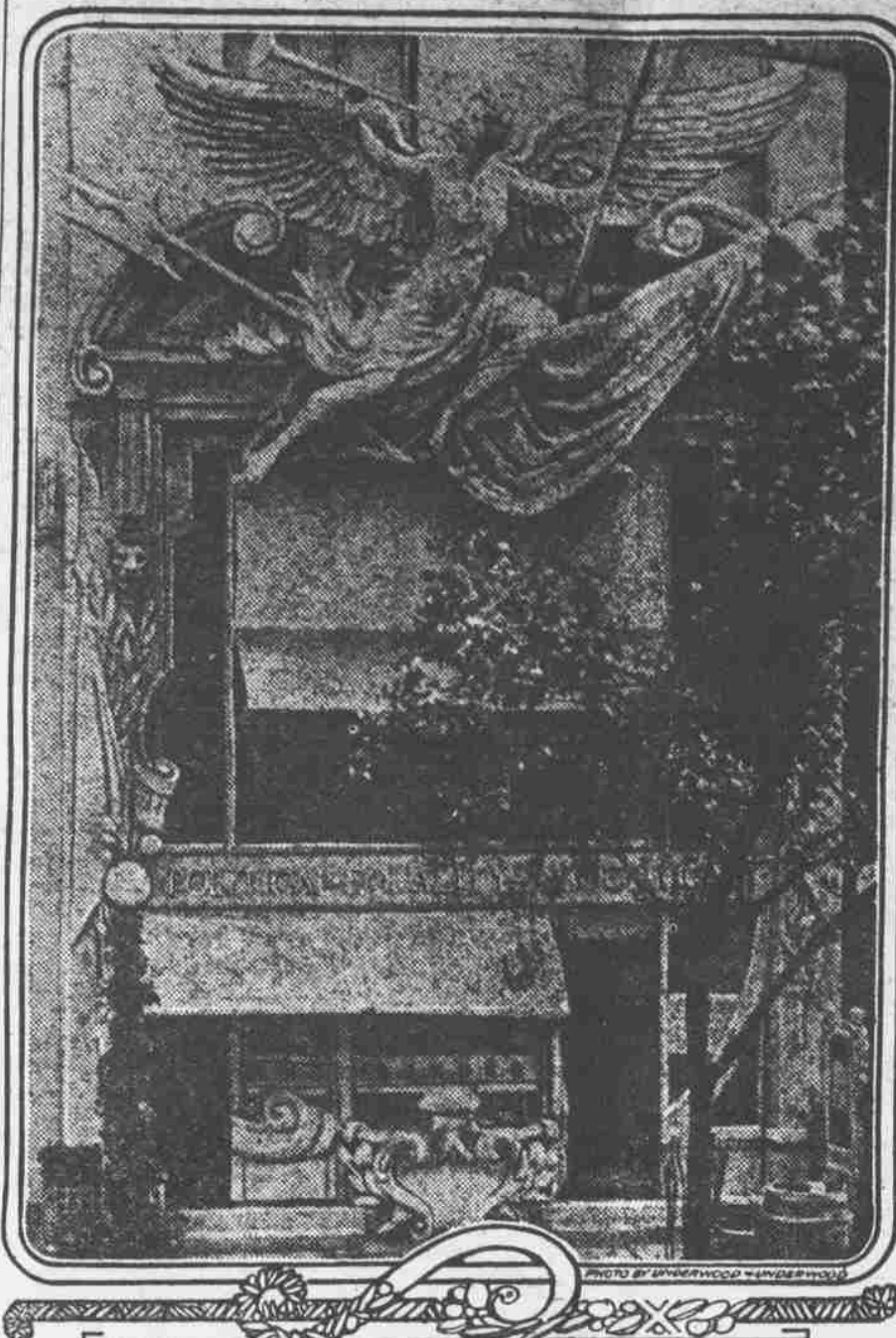
Commenting on the cost of books, a Harvard man remarks that while modern reprints of standard literary works can be obtained at moderate prices, volumes of more strictly contemporaneous interest are now habitually held at an unduly high price. As a consequence college students and others of moderate means are deterred from owning, aside from prescribed textbooks, such volumes as they need most, says the Rochester Post-Express. It is explained that with the exception of a prospective "best seller," or school textbook, the publisher argues that no more than, say, 8,000 copies could be sold, however low the price, whereas there are at least 800 municipal and collegiate libraries, which "must have" a copy; and it will be better business, in his opinion, to sell 500 copies at \$5 each than 3,000 copies at \$1.25. Size of type, page, margins and thickness of binding do much toward giving the appearance of value. It is also observed that the publisher does not overlook in his calculations the wealthy amateur who is "completing" his collection on a certain topic.

Wild game birds are the property of all citizens, under the Roman and continental law. On this principle of common ownership the states of this country have enacted their laws. But what of birds that alight but a short time within one state, then fly to another, and to yet other states? Are they not the property of the people of the Union? Because no state cares for them, the migratory birds of the United States are going the way of the great auk, the passenger pigeon and the parakeet, says the New York Times. William S. Saskell of the American Game Protection and Propagation association argued before the senate committee that, though the title to the migratory birds has never been adjudicated, common sense would suggest that it belongs to the federal government, and the authorities at Washington should give ample protection to this fast vanishing wild life.

The population of Ireland on April 2, 1911, was 4,381,951 persons, showing a decrease of 76,824 since 1910. An increase of 7 per cent. was shown in the province of Leinster and decreases in the other three provinces. The number of families in 1911 was 912,711, an increase of 2,455 since 1901, and the average number of persons per family was 4.8, against 4.9 in the earlier year. Belfast increased from 249,180 to 385,492 in the 10 years from 1901 to 1911; Dublin from 290,638 to 309,272 and Cork from 76,122 to 76,632. The emigrants leaving Irish ports numbered 30,573 in 1911, a decrease of 1,884 from the 1910 figures. Of these 16,671 were male and 13,902 females. Most of the emigrants went to the United States and Canada, the former taking more than half of the total.

A University of Chicago scientist has reassembled the skeleton of a snake supposed to be 10,000,000 years old, and has called it the ophiacodon-mirus. He wouldn't have dared to call it that when it was alive.

## ONE VICTORY OF SUFFRAGETTES



THIS photograph shows the heroic copper statue of Victory recently placed on the front of the headquarters of the Political Equality association in New York city.

### FIND NEW USE FOR MOTOR CAR

WICHITA ENTHUSIASTS PLAYED FIRST POLO GAME.

Play Marked by Many Accidents, But No One Seriously Injured.

Wichita, Kansas.—With an oversomerset in the air, a head-on collision and innumerable hairbreadth escapes to furnish thrills to some 5,000 people on the side lines, the first game of auto-polo was played in a big field at Walnut Grove park just north of Wichita.

Each side scored one goal in the three 10-minute plays, leaving the game a tie at the end.

Despite all the accidents and near accidents, so skillfully were the cars handled that no one was injured, though Frank Garrety played through the contest with a broken finger, suffered in a practice match.

The playing field was 1,100 feet long, 800 feet wide and with goalposts 60 feet apart at each end. Four stripped motor runabouts were used in the game. The forward cars, driven by Ross King and Carl Evans, both race drivers of some reputation, with Frank Garrety and Billy Hubert as mallet wielders or "jockeys," doing most of the work. George Henry and Ralph Martin handled the goal tending cars.

### BIG OKLAHOMA GASSER FOUND

Well Producing 2,000,000 Feet Daily Near Morrison—Crowds Rush to New Field.

Guthrie, Oklahoma.—A gas well producing 2,000,000 cubic feet daily was brought in on Black Bear creek, just north of Morrison, in Noble county. Gas and salt water, with some oil, are spouting 25 feet into the air. Crowds from Perry, Pawnee and other nearby towns are rushing to the new field. Driller Walters claims the underlying formation is the same as in the Bartlesville field.

Three Drown Near Emporia. Emporia, Kansas.—Mrs. Hiram Waite, of St. Louis, her sister, Miss Nellie Anderson and Ward S. Newlin were drowned in the Cottonwood river at Thompson's Ford, near here. The young women were wading in the stream and stepped off together in a deep hole below the ford. Newlin went to their assistance, and the two drowning women seized him and carried him under with them.

Lorimer in a Motor Wreck. Clayville, Pa.—William Lorimer, the Illinoisan recently deposed from his seat in the United States senate, was bruised and stunned when his motor car was wrecked one mile west of here. Lorimer was not severely injured, but had a narrow escape.

### WILL DEPORT SHIPWRECKED JAPS

Tell Story of Drifting Three Months in 50-Foot Junk—Captured Near San Diego.

San Diego, California.—Deportation will be the fate of five shipwrecked Japanese captured by immigration inspectors ten miles east of Encinitas on the road to Escondido. News of the capture was telegraphed the department of commerce and labor at Washington and the captives were taken to jail to await orders for deportation to Yokohama.

For more than three months, according to the story of the Japanese, they were at sea in a 50-foot, 3-masted Japanese junk, unable to head back against contrary winds and compelled to drift over a course estimated to be at least 7,000 miles. The junk now is a wreck on the coast 30 miles north of San Diego.

### CANAL IS NEARING COMPLETION

Is Now Seven-Eighths Done—Will Be Ready for Opening in January 1915.

Washington, D. C.—More than seven-eighths of the excavation work on the Panama Canal has been completed. June 1, according to the canal record, 22,053,315 cubic yards, or less than one-eighth of the total amount of earth and rock to be taken out of the canal route, remained to be excavated. At the rate the steam shovels are working, this certainly can be done in time to have the waterway ready for opening on schedule, January 1, 1915.

### Parsons Clubs Enjoined.

Parsons, Kansas.—An investigation by the county attorney has resulted in temporary injunctions being served on the Elks, Eagles and Moose club-rooms in Parsons and also on the owners of the buildings in which the club-rooms are located. The injunctions were granted by Judge Clark in chambers and followed an investigation in which several witnesses were summoned to testify regarding the violations of the Prohibition law by these clubs.

### Boy Burglar Attacks a Woman.

Marshalltown, Iowa.—Mrs. George W. West, wife of a grocer in the suburbs of this city, was wounded severely by a 15-year-old robber, who plunged a knife into her throat while his victim pleaded with him not to kill her, but to take what money there was in the cash drawer. The boy escaped without obtaining any money. Mrs. West is in a hospital.

### Big Keokuk Dam Closed.

Keokuk, Iowa.—The last gap in the construction of the Mississippi Power company's dam across the river at this place was closed and for the first time in its history the Mississippi is throttled.

## KANSAS MAY BE MADE DRYER

PROPOSED LAW WOULD PREVENT LIQUOR SHIPMENTS.

Senate Bill Introduced to Prevent Sending Intoxicants into Prohibited Territory.

Washington, D. C.—If the bill reported out of the senate judiciary committee to go before the senate immediately becomes a law—and the chances are that it will pass—the scores of "jug houses" in Kansas City will be compelled to go out of business, at least so far as shipping intoxicants into prohibition states is concerned.

According to those who have been working for the passage of a measure of this kind for at least a year, it will do much to make Kansas absolutely "dry."

Senator Cummins, chairman of the judiciary committee, who will report the bill, said the measure prohibited the shipment of liquor by interstate commerce into states where it would be used in violation of law and that if it were shipped so, the shipment would be treated as if it originated in the prohibition state itself.

The strength of the bill lies in the fact that a violator must deal with the government of the United States and not with local or state authorities.

It is expected that a vigorous fight will be made by the brewery and liquor interests to defeat the measure. Already the attack upon it has been outlined. The opponents are expected to hide behind the plea that "the bill is not constitutional."

In the preparation of the proposed law its framers say that they have attempted to meet every objection pointed out by the supreme court in similar interstate commerce liquor decisions.

### STANDARD OIL HAS NOT QUIT

Big Monopoly Still Fighting for Control of Waters-Pierce Company.

St. Louis, Mo.—John D. Rockefeller, John D. Archbald and 15 other stockholders of the Waters-Pierce Oil company and also of the Standard Oil company, filed petitions here upholding the suit of Henry M. Tilford, a director of the Standard Oil company. Tilford asked the ouster of H. Clay Pierce and Clay Arthur Pierce from control of the Waters-Pierce Oil company.

The most important affidavit was filed by Rockefeller, who alleges he owned 680 shares of stock and that he had legal right to vote them for the best interests of the Waters-Pierce Oil company. He says he has no intention of trying to force the Waters-Pierce company to become subservient to the Standard.

### Want a New Road.

Caney, Kansas.—A delegation of business men and farmers from this section of Montgomery county went to Independence and requested the county commissioners to designate a county road from Caney through Havana and Wayside to the county seat, Independence. The road would be a connecting link between the Mid-continent highway from Tulsa, Ok., to the state line and the Oil Belt road from Independence to Kansas City.

### Says U. S. Neglects Citizens.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Fall of New Mexico condemned in a speech the neglect of the government to secure redress for Americans injured in Mexican hostilities along the border. Senator Fall declared the United States gave more attention to reports of mistreatment of rubber gatherers in Peru and of missionaries in Korea than it did to the interests of citizens who had suffered in the Mexican hostilities.

### HAD MODERN CHINESE FUNERAL

Frisco Orientals Turn Out in Silk Hats for Occasion—Old Customs Discarded.

San Francisco, Cal.—The last detail of their program of reform was demonstrated by the local Chinese when they turned out in silk hats and frock coats at the funeral of Wong Law Ching, a wealthy merchant.

No roasted suckling pig was carried to the cemetery to cheer the spirit of the merchant across the Styx, motor cars outnumbered hacks in the procession, and a band of 40 Chinese playing Chopin's funeral march on modern brasses replaced the weird music of the native instruments and hired mourners of other days.

### China May Split.

Shanghai, China.—China's division into two republics—northern and southern—is imminent. The radicals believe Yuan is too conservative and have announced they mean to elect Sun Yat Sen.

### Voice of Conscience.

A western Kentucky negro was in jail awaiting trial for stealing a calf. His wife called to see him. On her way out the jailer, whose name was Grady, halted her.

"Mandy," he inquired, "have you got a lawyer for Jim?"

"No, sah," said his wife. "Ef Jim was gully I'd git him a lawyer right away; but he tells me he ain't gully, and so, of co'se, I ain't afixin' to hire none."

"Mr. Grady," came a voice from the cells above, "you tell dat nigger woman down thar to git a lawyer—and git a dam' good one, too!"—Saturday Evening Post.

### ECZEMA CAME ON SCALP

Lebanon, O.—"My eczema started on my thigh with a small pimple. It also came on my scalp. It began to itch and I began to scratch. For eighteen or twenty years I could not tell what I passed through with that awful itching. I would scratch until the blood would soak through my underwear, and I couldn't talk to my friends on the street but I would be digging and punching that spot, until I was very much ashamed. The itching was so intense I could not sleep after once in bed and warm. I certainly suffered torment with that eczema for many years.

"I chased after everything I ever heard of, but all to no avail. I saw the advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a sample. Imagine my delight when I applied the first dose to that awful itching fire on my leg and scalp, in less than a minute the itching on both places ceased. I got some more Cuticura Soap and Ointment. After the second day I never had another itching spell, and Cuticura Soap and Ointment completely cured me. I was troubled with awful dandruff all over my scalp. The Cuticura Soap has cured that trouble." (Signed) L. R. Fink, Jan. 22, 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."

### Misinterpreted.

William Shaw, the secretary of the famous Christian Endeavor society, said in a witty after-dinner address in Boston:

"There is a little Back Bay girl who is much interested in her auntie's Christian Endeavor work. The little girl was writing a letter to her brother at Yale one day, and in the midst of the epistle she looked up and said: 'Auntie, how do you spell devil?'

"'Devil!' cried her aunt, with a shocked smile. 'Why, child, don't you know you mustn't use such a word as devil?'

"'But, auntie,' protested the little girl, I want to tell brother about your Christian and devil meetings!'"

### Why They Went.

As the Sunday school teacher entered her classroom, she saw leaving in great haste a little girl and her still smaller brother.

"Why, Mary, you aren't going away?" she exclaimed in surprise.

"Pleathe, Mith Anne, we've got to go," was the distressed reply. "Jimmy 'th thwallowed hith collection."—Lippincott's.

Old friends are best, but many a woman deludes herself with the idea that she is too young to have any old friends.

Job was a patient man, but he never found the cat asleep on the piano just after he had varnished it.

### A WINNING START

A Perfectly Digested Breakfast Makes Nerve Force for the Day.

Everything goes wrong if the breakfast lies in your stomach like a mud pie. What you eat does harm if you can't digest it—it turns to poison.

A bright lady teacher found this to be true, even of an ordinary light breakfast of eggs and toast. She says:

"Two years ago I contracted a very annoying form of indigestion. My stomach was in such condition that a simple breakfast of fruit, toast and egg gave me great distress.

"I was slow to believe that trouble could come from such a simple diet, but finally had to give it up, and found a great change upon a cup of hot Postum and Grape-Nuts with cream, for my morning meal. For more than a year I have held to this course and have not suffered except when injudiciously varying my diet.

"I have been a teacher for several years and find that my easily digested breakfast means a saving of nervous force for the entire day. My gain of ten pounds in weight also causes me to want to testify to the value of Grape-Nuts.

"Grape-Nuts holds first rank at our table."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pages.